Welcome!

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, Maryland's state museum of archaeology, is situated on 560 acres with 2.5 miles of shoreline along the Patuxent River and St. Leonard Creek. The property was donated to the State of Maryland in 1983 by Mrs. Jefferson Patterson in memory of her late husband, with the purpose of using the onsite archaeological discoveries to preserve and interpret the rich history of the area and its inhabitants. We hope the natural beauty of our walking and driving trails will provide you with an appreciation for the people who lived here.

Park and Museum grounds
open daily year round
7:30 am - dusk
(Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day)

Visitor Center
open daily year round
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
(closed federal and state holidays, and the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year)

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum is a program of the Maryland Historical Trust, a division of the Maryland Department of Planning.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
Where history and nature surround you!

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Trails

Riverside Trail
Riverside Trail takes you along fields, beaches, and roads. Learn about our first onsite archaeological discoveries. Note: Boardwalk on left side of the asphalt trail, takes you to the Indian Village.
Length: 1 mile
Level: easy
Surfaces: dirt, grass, gravel, asphalt, sand

Woodland Trail
Woodland Trail leads you into the forest and field. Enjoy beautiful views of sky and water through the tree canopy.
Length: 0.6 mile
Level: moderate - hard (some steep areas)
Surfaces: dirt, grass, narrow footpaths

Village Trail
Visit this recreated Woodland Indian Village and learn about the people who inhabited this region.
Length: Approx. 1 mile
Level: easy
Surfaces: asphalt, grass

Point Trail
Point Trail guides you along fields, wooded footpaths, beaches, and roads. View Smiths St. Leonard, an 18th-century plantation that is now an archaeological site.
Length: 1.7 miles or 0.9 mile loop
Level: moderate
Surfaces: dirt, gravel, sand, narrow footpaths

War of 1812 Trail
Following this driving/walking trail will give you insight on the actions and activities that occurred in the region and on this property during the War of 1812.
Length: 1.8 miles loop (walking)
Level: easy - moderate
Surfaces: asphalt, grass, sand

Cautions: Check at the Visitor Center for access to the War of 1812 exhibit located in the Exhibit Barn.

Archaeology

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an archaeological preserve with over 65 sites identified and recorded. Interpretive panels revealing information about these discoveries are located along our trails and sites.

Stearns Site - Artifacts discovered at this site indicate American Indians lived in this field 500 - 700 years ago.

King’s Reach Site - Excavations revealed traces of two wooden structures built around 1690. Evidence suggests this was the second plantation house of the Smith family.

Smith’s St. Leonard Site - This 18th-century plantation site is the third home of the Smith family and contains the main house, store house, detached kitchen, enslaved workers’ quarters, stable, laundry, and barns.

Sukeek’s Cabin and Tenant House Sites - Archaeologists discovered remains of late 19th-century houses occupied by formerly enslaved African-Americans who lived and worked on this property.

The sites listed here are all marked on the trail map shown on back.